Bulletin

Electronic Commodity Ordering System

USDA *E*lectronic *C*ommodity *O*rdering *S*ystem (ECOS)

Guidance, Modifications, and Enhancements Bulletin

ECOS Release Notes 4.2

I. Enhancements:

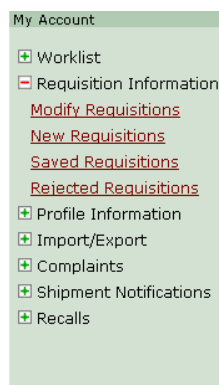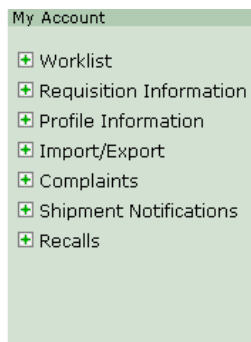1. Comment field in Roll-Up will associate Splits:

    Previously, if the Roll Up process was creating a partial load that was going to be associated with a partner state, ECOS required a second action by the state. The state user was required to access a separate ECOS screen to add the text comment to identify the partner Delivery Order. Now this can be accomplished directly in Roll-Up by entering the 'Associated PCIMS Order(s):' directly into the comment field on the Place Order page.

Repository Id:	o46200001				
Requested Delivery Location(s):	437938 ZARTIC INC				
Requested Delivery Date(s):	10/31/2004				
Assigned Delivery Location:	437938 ZARTIC INC				
Assigned Delivery Date:	10/31/2004				
Comment:					
Associated PCIMS Order(s):	A237999I006				

Primary Indicator	Program	Entitlement/Bonus Indicator	Adjustment Code	Cases Requested	Cases to Order
N	SFSP	E		450	450
			Totals	450	450

II. Modifications

1. Restructure Navigation bar on My Account page:

    The navigation options on the My Account page has grown as past releases have added capabilities to different ECOS roles. We took the time to add the ability to expand and collapse each high level group to make the page visually more efficient without loosing any capabilities. As shown below, the My Account options can be expanded by clicking the ⊞ icon to reveal the underlying capabilities. To collapse the group, click the ⊟ icon.

My Account

⊞ Worklist
⊞ Requisition Information
⊞ Profile Information
⊞ Import/Export
⊞ Complaints
⊞ Shipment Notifications
⊞ Recalls

My Account

⊞ Worklist
⊟ Requisition Information
   Modify Requisitions
   New Requisitions
   Saved Requisitions
   Rejected Requisitions
⊞ Profile Information
⊞ Import/Export
⊞ Complaints
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⊞ Recalls

2. Add Zone/District information to List By Line Item page found within Roll Up:

In an attempt to aid state agencies when building truck load quantities, the List by Line Item page will show the recipients Zone/District information to help the state in determining truck building options. This should help the user to visually identify which recipients can be combined on a truck and the Delivery Order can be created.

Sel.	Zone/ District	Recipient Agency	Program	Requested Delivery Location(s)	Requested Delivery Date(s)	Total Cases Requested	Desired Quantity

3. Change Requisition Type from: Processed , Non-Processed to Direct Delivery and Processing Diversion:

The radio buttons labeled 'Processed' and 'Non-Processed' have been replaced with two separate catalogs. This modification was made to clarify the differences in the requisition types and was originated from user requests to reduce confusion. The Direct Delivery catalog will be for those commodities offered on the USDA survey that are for direct delivery to a desired location. The Processing Diversion catalog is built from those USDA commodities that are (1) offered on the USDA survey and (2) assigned to a state entered Processor that is created at the state agency through the ECOS Administration section. To verify what Processors each state currently has and what commodities are assigned, enter the Administration section and view the link, 'View/Edit Processors'.

When the user accesses either catalog, they will see a second enhancement option available. The addition of the 'View by Program' will allow the user to see on one web page, all available commodities associated to the program selected in the list box.

Product Catalog

Product Catalogs

Direct Delivery

Processing Diversion

Product Categories

Cereal Products
Cheese
Flour
Fruits
Grains
Meat/Fish
Milk/Butter
Misc
Nut Products
Oils
Pasta
Poultry/Eggs
Vegetables

View by Program

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